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Director's Meeting

Friday, 18 April 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, Hedden, [] 25X1

General Smith:

25X1 a. Asked if we should take any cognizance of Congressman Busbey's "threat" to bring up the [] affair and "other things" concerning CIA on the Floor of the House. Mr. Hedden noted that Senator Dirksen was working on this and, after some discussion, the Director stated that when he called Congressman Mahon to express appreciation for his assistance on our budget he would also acquaint Mahon with the facts of this case and request that he make an appropriate reply to any remarks Busbey might make. Done

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25X1 b. Briefly discussed the qualifications of [] Mr. Wisner noted that no firm decision had been made to hire him; however, Col. King had undertaken to keep in contact with [] in Rio. 25X1

c. Stated that we should go ahead with our recommendations for the award of the Medal of Freedom in view of the amendment to the Executive Order. [] noted that he had these recommendations and would bring them in for signature today.

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e. Noted the item in the Log of 28-29 March concerning the JCS directives on covert operations and asked if these "contained anything serious". Mr. Dulles stated that they did not and that Mr. Wisner's people were making an analysis of their contents.

Mr. Dulles noted that Ambassador Cowen was about ready to go to Belgium and that we intended to brief him before his departure.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Noted that he would not be able to attend Secretary Pace's luncheon today.

b. Noted that he had met with [] and Col. Johnston concerning a merger and this problem was coming along fine. The Director noted that "it was not necessary for us to go too far and the merger was really a matter of coordination". 25X1

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c. Raised the question of changing the name of O/PC to the Office of Foreign Programs. After some discussion, the Director stated that (1) he believed the various offices of the Agency as a whole should go to numerical rather than letter designations; (2) possibly each office should be assigned a block of numbers or each office be assigned a basic number which could appear in any combination denoting this basic number. After some further discussion, Messrs. Wolf, Wisner and Becker undertook to look into this matter.

d. Noted that he had sent the Director a memorandum concerning the Bolivian Revolution and in this connection stated that O/NE might consider preparing an estimate of the situation. Mr. Becker stated that an estimate was being prepared on Argentina, which would take into consideration the matter of Bolivia.

Mr. Becker briefly reported on his talk at the Armed Forces Staff College yesterday.



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